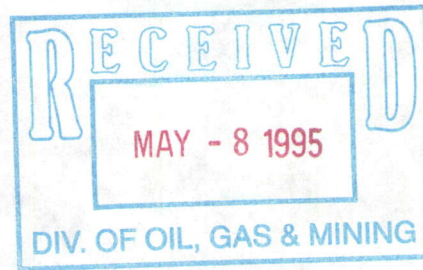


May 4, 1995



State of Utah
Dept. of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
355 West North Temple
3 Triad Center, Suite 350
Salt Lake City, UT 84180-1203

Kansas City/Denver Bond Department
7500 College Boulevard, Suite 800
Overland Park, Kansas 66210

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 2942
Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66201-1342
(913) 345-2044 / 1 (800) 255 0454
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United States Fire Insurance Company
The North River Insurance Company

RE: Bond No.: _____
Bond Amount: \$386,000.
Principal: ASH GROVE CEMENT COMPANY
Surety: United States Fire Insurance Company

Gentlemen:

We recently received a copy of a replacement bond for the above captioned Land Reclamation Bond. The new surety company is National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, bond number 100600524 copy attached. Please acknowledge the extra copy of this letter, to confirm the new bond has been filed and accepted and our bond referenced above is released. A return envelope has been provided for your reply.

Sincerely,

Rita A. Miller
K.C./Denver Bond Branch

/ds

Encl.



M/023/004

GENERAL PURPOSE RIDER

To be attached to and form part of Bond Number _____

effective MAY 3, 1995

issued by the NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD

in the amount of

SIX HUNDRED FORTY FIVE DOLLARS, on behalf of ASH GROVE CEMENT COMPANY
THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED & 00/100

as Principal and in favor of USDI - BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

as obligee:

Now, Therefore, it is agreed that:

THE OBLIGEE IS CHANGED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: USDA - FOREST SERVICE.

It is further understood and agreed that all other terms and conditions of this bond shall remain unchanged.

This rider is to be effective the 3rd day of MAY 19 95

Signed, sealed and dated this 3rd day of MAY 19 95

NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD

By: _____

Attorney-in-Fact

Accepted By: _____

National Fire Insurance Company
of Hartford



For All the Commitments You Make®

Office/Chicago, Illinois

POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Know All Men by these Presents, That the NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, and having its general administrative office in the City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, does hereby make, constitute and appoint Mike Fagan, Jennifer A. Marino, Leslie H. Zornes,
Individually

of Mission Woods, Kansas
its true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute in its behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

- In Unlimited Amounts -

and to bind the NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by the duly authorized officers of NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following Resolution duly adopted on February 17, 1993 by the Board of Directors of the Company.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President of the Corporation may, from time to time, appoint, by written certificates, Attorneys-in-Fact to act in behalf of the Corporation in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such Attorney-in-Fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and execution of any such instrument and to attach the seal of the Corporation thereto. The President, an Executive Vice President, any Senior or Group Vice President or the Board of Directors may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any Attorney-in-Fact.

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

RESOLVED: That the signature of the President, an Executive Vice President or any Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Corporation may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to the Resolution adopted by this Board of Directors on February 17, 1993 and the signature of a Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Corporation may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power, and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures and seal shall be valid and binding on the Corporation. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed, shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Corporation.

In Witness Whereof, the NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD has caused these presents to be signed by its Group Vice President and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed this 27th day of April, 19 94.

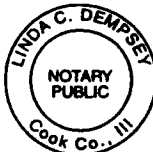
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD



M. C. Vonnahme Group Vice President.

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 27th day of April, 19 94, before me personally came M. C. Vonnahme, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the Village of Downers Grove, State of Illinois; that he is a Group Vice President of the NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of said Corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporation.



Linda C. Dempsey
Linda C. Dempsey Notary Public.
My Commission Expires October 19, 1994

CERTIFICATE

I, Robert E. Ayo, Assistant Secretary of the NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the Resolutions of the Board of Directors, set forth in said Power of Attorney are still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed by name and affixed the seal of the said Company this

3rd day of MAY, 19 95.



Robert E. Ayo

Assistant Secretary.